GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided any assistance to the victims of cyclone in Myanmar;and;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) India was one of the first countries to rush emergency relief assistance to Myanmar in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis in May 2008.Two Indian Naval ships and eight Indian Air Force aircrafts delivered immediate relief material,including food grains,roofing material and medical supplies to Myanmar.Two self-sustained medical teams, comprising 47 doctors and supporting staff,were in the cyclone-affected areas for more than two weeks.India also provided cash assistance of US$ 200,000 for the reconstruction of the Shwedagon Pagoda Complex in Yangon.In the rehabilitation phase, India has supplied 1020 tonnes of corrugated steel sheets for roofing, 500 solar torches & lanterns and 1.8 lakh bottles of I.V. fluids and will undertake supply of transformers and other necessary items required by Myanmar.